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SUBJECT:PROPOSED US ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS ON DAIRY
IMPORTS

1. US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ISSUED RELEASE DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 1973 ANNOUNCING PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ENTRY OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS FROM COUNTRIES CONSIDERED TO BE INFECTED WITH RINDERPEST OR FOOT-AND-MOUTH, TWO ANIMAL DISEASES WHICH ARE NOT PRESENT IN THE US. USDA'S ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS) CITED RECENT LARGE INCREASES IN IMPORTS OF DRIED MILK FROM COUNTRIES CONSIDERED TO BE INFECTED WITH FOOT-AND MOUTH DISEASE IN EXPLAINING NECESSITY OF PROPOSAL. APHIS HAD CONCLUDED THAT REGULATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT SUCH IMPORTED DRIED MILK PRODUCTS ARE NOT USED IN THE PREPARATION OF FEED FOR US LIVESTOCK. ALL ADDRESSEE POSTS EXCEPT CANBERRA, WELLINGTON, OTTAWA, DUBLIN, LONDON, OSLO, AND STOCKHOLM ARE IN COUNTRIES PRESENTLY CONSIDERED BY APHIS TO BE INFECTED WITH ONE OR BOTH OF THESE DISEASES.

2. QUOTING FROM THE USDA RELEASE, "UNDER THE PROPOSAL, MILK PRODUCTS COULD BE IMPORTED FROM INFECTED COUNTRIES ONLY BY SPECIAL PERMISSION OF THE APHIS DEPUTY

ADMINISTRATOR FOR VETERINARY SERVICES AND ONLY IF THE PRODUCTS ARE HANDLED UNDER CONDITIONS TO PREVENT DIVERSION TO LIVESTOCK FEED ... IN ADDITION, LIQUID MILK IMPORTED FROM COUNTRIES INFECTED WITH EITHER DISEASE MUST BE SEALED IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS AND THEN HEAT-STERILIZED TO KILL THE VIRUSES."

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3. THE PROPOSAL WAS PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER SEPTEMBER 6. WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES MAY BE SENT TO THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, VETERINARY SERVICES, APHIS, USDA, HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20782 BEFORE OCTOBER 6, 1973.

4. ACTION POSTS REQUESTED INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS AND EXPLAIN, AS APPROPRIATE, THAT PROPOSAL INTENDED TAKE

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ADVANTAGE OF BROAD AUTHORITY VESTED IN APHIS TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES WHEREBY IMPORTS (INCLUDING DRIED MILK) FROM AFFECTED COUNTRIES CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT UNDUE RISK TRANSMISSION DISEASE TO US LIVESTOCK. BECAUSE DAIRY PRODUCTS DIFFER IN CHARACTERISTICS AND USE, AND, THUS, RISK OF DISEASE INTRODUCTION, PROPOSED REGULATION PERMITS APHIS TO ESTABLISH IMPORT PROCEDURES APPROPRIATE TO INDIVIDUAL PRODUCT CONCERNED. AT PRESENT, APHIS HAS NO OFFICIAL REGULATIONS COVERING IMPORTATION OF, FOR EXAMPLE, DRIED MILK, AND HAS BEEN FOLLOWING POLICY REQUIRING IMPORTER AFFIDAVIT STATING PRODUCT WILL NOT BE SOLD FOR USE IN ANIMAL FEEDING.

5. TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS BEING POUCHED. RUSH

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